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SUBJ: KOREA IN 18TH UNGA

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1. ON BASIS OF REFTEL POL/COUNS DISCUSSED WITH GAIMUSHO I
UN BUREAU DIRECTOR GENERAL SUZUKI AND UN POLITICAL AFFAIRS
DEP HEAD NONOYAMA BACKGROUND OF DELETION OF MEMBERSHIP
PARAGRAPH FROM FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. SUZUKI SAID THAT
GAIMUSHO HAD RECEIVED CABLE FROM JAPANESE PERM REP SAITO AT
UN GIVING DETAILS OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH AMB BENNETT ALONG
SAME LINES. ON BASIS OF SAITO REPORT SUZUKI HAD CONSULTED WITH VICE
MINISTER HOGEN AND IT WAS DECIDED THAT GOJ AGREED IN PRINCIPLE
WITH US INITIATIVE. SUZUKI SAID HOWEVER THAT "WE DO
NOT WANT IT TO BE TAKEN AS A SIGN OF WEAKNESS" AND
THAT US AND JAPAN MUST CONTINUE INTENSIVE EFFORTS
TO LINE UP SUPPORT BEHIND FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. SAITO
HAS BEEN SO INSTRUCTED BY CABLE, SUZUKI SAID.

2. RE APPROACH TO PRC SUZUKI SAID THAT OF COURSE
GOJ AGREES WITH THIS TACTIC, BUT WILL BE ANXIOUS
TO KNOW REACTION OF CHINESE "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE"
SO THAT THERE WILL BE AMPLE TIME FOR THE US AND
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JAPAN TO CONSULT AND AMEND OUR POSITION BEFORE
ISSUE COMES UP IN GA ON NOV 14 OR 15. SUZUKI SAID
THAT SAITO HAD ESTIMATED THAT CHINA WAS NOT
EAGER FOR A DIRECT CONFRONTATION ON THE KOREAN

ISSUE BECAUSE IT DID NOT FIT WITH CHINESE WORLD STRATEGY.

3. SUZJKI SAID GOJ OF COURSE INTERESTED IN US THINKING ABOUT BARGAINING TACTICS IN CASE CHINESE DO NOT AGREE TO A COMPROMISE. WOULD US STILL SUPPORT THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION MINUS MEMBERSHIP PARAGRAPH? NONOYAMA SAID IN RETURN FOR GIVING UP THE MEMBERSHIP PARAGRAPH, WHAT DID WE WISH CHINESE TO SURRENDER FROM THEIR RESOLUTION? WHAT OTHER PARTS OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION WERE NEGOTIABLE AND WHAT DID WE EXPECT FROM THE CHINESE IN TURN? POL/OUNCS ANSWERED THAT PLAY OF THIS ISSUE BEING HANDLED PRIMARILY IN NEW YORK, BUT WE OF COURSE WILL CONTINUE TO CONSULT AND WORK CLOSELY WITH JAPANESE.

4. COMMENT: GOJ WILL QUERY SECRETARY DURING HIS VISIT HERE ON PROGRESS MADE IN PEKING TOWARD COMPROMISE RESOLUTION. SHOESMITH

NOTE BY OCT: NOT PASSED ABOVE.

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